

**NAPERVILLE SISTER CITIES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES, June 3, 2009
MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

Rich Mikolajczyk called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jim Davidson, Dave Harr, Jane Klassen, Barb Kucera, Rich Mikolajczyk, Roberto Ramirez, Randy Russell, Roger Stamm, and Bettye Wehrli

Absent: Bill Bien, Rhae Cisneros, Joe Hudetz, Larry Konecny Jr., Alex Mayszak, Dave Perillo, Sami Siddiqi, Roger Stamm and Laura Weren

Student Representatives: Catherine Chen and Akansha Tarun

Visitor: Alexander MacGilp

City Liaison: Ms. Cheryl Johnson

Secretary Randy Russell declared a quorum was present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Two corrections to the May minutes were suggested and agreed:

1. Catherine Chen was present at the May meeting and the minutes indicated she was absent.
2. The date for the next meeting should have read 3 June 2009.

Barb Kucera moved to accept the May 2009 meeting minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Dave Harr and approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Davidson reported that the approved budget for FY10 is \$5,750.

Approval for expenditure for \$0.44 for postage is needed. Motion to approve was made by Barb Kucera, seconded by Jane Klassen and approved unanimously.

Randy Russell moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Barb Kucera and approved unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

Rich introduced Mr. Alexander MacGilp to the commission and welcomed him to our meeting. Mr. MacGilp is an occasional visitor to Naperville who has lived in Nitra and taught English in several schools in the city. He lived there from 1991-1993 and again in 2003. Mr. MacGilp currently lives in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England. He shared some Nitra experiences with the commission.

REPORTS

Rich Mikolajcyk asked that each of the new commissioners review the project teams and sign up to be members of at least two teams for the new fiscal year.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim reported on progress on the plans for the student exchange program

- Linda Yates is the primary Rotary contact in Naperville
- Everything is in place and we eagerly await the arrival of Ruth Banaszova in August

Roger Stamm reiterated that the final version of the Naperville Sister Cities CD is complete and ready for use. Cheryl is arranging to have copies made for all of the commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS

Rich reported on the plans for a delegation of Nitra citizens to visit Naperville this summer. Funding is needed for housing, food and entertainment for the 10 person delegation. Rich enquired about the possibility of a SECA grant of \$10,000 to cover the expenses of the Nitra delegation while in Naperville. Special permission to apply for the grant must be granted by the City Council as the original deadline for applying for SECA funding is long past. The request was made at the City Council meeting on 2 June but was tabled as the Mayor was not present at this meeting. Several Council members had questions regarding the use of the funds and all agreed that Mayor Pradel would be in the best position to address the questions. The issue is to be discussed and decided at the Council meeting on 16 June. Assuming the Council approves the request to apply; a grant request has been written and is ready to be submitted.

A request was received to join the Friends of Slovakia organization. Annual dues are \$35. This request was declined in FY09 and all agreed to decline again in FY10.

Randy reported on activities related to the Second Sister City working team. Roger has reviewed the charter and the team understands what changes are needed. We agreed to schedule informational meetings with the City Council members and the City Manager. The purpose of these meetings is to keep the members informed of the plans for a second

Sister City and the timeframe being followed by the commission. There was a brief discussion of a possible trip to Patzcuaro in mid-July. Subsequent to the meeting that trip was postponed until early August due to the schedule of the Counsel General.

ADJOURNMENT

Roger Stamm moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dave Harr and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at 6:00 PM in the Mayor's Conference Room, Naperville Municipal Center.